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Naumann du Werner

SOURCE

French anti-Communist political writer, believed to have neo-fascist leanings. Source is clearly biased in favor of Naumann, and alleges that the latter is by no means a neo-Nazi or anti-Semitic but is pro-French and anti-Communist.

1. In a discussion of the recent arrest by the British in Germany of Dr. Werner Naumann and several associates, source suggested the following possible reasons for the British action:
 - a. Naumann is considered by the British to be too outspokenly anti-Soviet and too much inclined toward close relations with France; these attitudes might undermine British influence in German affairs.
 - b. The British (so source alleges) desire to influence French opinion against the European Defense Community by emphasizing the prospect of the Nazi menace. This line is particularly favored by a group of present and former Foreign Office personalities whose leaders are Sir Robert Vansittart, Sir Alfred Duff Cooper, and Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick. Source thinks it significant that the arrests were made during the absence of Prime Minister Winston Churchill.
 - c. The British action was designed to maintain the "balance of power" between France and Germany, even though the ultimate beneficiary can only be the Soviet Union.
2. The arrests were not necessary on grounds of security, since the British have admitted that there was no conspiracy or plot to seize power. Source thinks the British count on a lasting political and psychological effect, which will remain even after the revelation that there was no evidence to justify their action.

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